

1 CAUSE NO. 06-12231 2 GW EQUITY, L.L.C., ) IN THE DISTRICT COURT 3 Plaintiff, 4 vs. DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS 5 DIXON WOODARD, et al., 6 Defendants. ) 116TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 7 8 9 ORAL DEPOSITION OF 10 DICKSON EARL WOODARD 11 VOLUME 1 OF 2 12 MAY 3, 2007 13 14 15

ORAL DEPOSITION OF DICKSON EARL WOODARD, produced as a witness at the instance of the plaintiff, and duly sworn, was taken in the above-styled and numbered cause on the 3rd of May, 2007, from 10:03 a.m. to 5:22 p.m., before Julia E. Whaley, CSR, CRR, RMR, and Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, reported by machine shorthand, at the law offices of McCreary & Stockford, L.L.P., 18333 Preston Road, Suite 150, Dallas, Texas, pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and the provisions stated on the record or attached hereto.

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A. Oh, absolutely. I mean the complaints filed just with the Better Business Bureau, which was something I should have looked at to begin with, is that -- there's a little clause in there that will guarantee they will get you a job in 90 days.

But after the first nine days after the work
has been done on the resumes, it's kind of a sliding
scale toward that 90 days. If you're still there after
90 days, they don't owe you any money because, you know,
they're already doing work for you at the end of 90 days.

What they'll do is redo your resume for you for another 90 days. But I mean as far as the money-back guarantee for you being employed in 90 days, it's complete bullshit.

- O. So did Ed believe --
- A. That was his problem.
- Q. Did Ed believe that McKenzie Scott was also ripping people off?
- A. He knew -- he knew way before -- I mean he's the one that explained to me in detail I mean how this was being done. And when I researched into it, he couldn't have been any more accurate.
- Q. So it was Ed who told you they were ripping people off, McKenzie Scott was ripping people off?

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- Do you realize that if you go onto Rip Off Q. Report today and you look up McKenzie Scott, there's a banner from Ed saying that he has looked into this and researched this matter and that McKenzie Scott's actually a great company?
  - They paid him off, then.
- Q. Okay. So Ed's willing to write that if you pay him enough money?
- Yeah. Absolutely. He takes it off. And not only does he take off the negative report. He replaced them with positive reports. He's writing them, himself. So everything that's in the negative, he will spin it and say the company feels terrible about this situation happening and we -- we rectify it the best we possibly can, and it looks like you're -- you're timely in your -in your response to the general public.

So he takes you from zero to hero. And now if they pull up Rip Off Reports, you're one of the few positive things on there. These other people have got negative reports. Man, this company is -- I mean he has got nothing bad to say about them at all. He makes his money off --

Ed will actually write the reports, though? Q.

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He'll write the reports, and he'll write the headings on the report?

I mean that's part of what he does, is Α. the background and the due diligence, and probably more than highly likely hacking into the networks that would afford him the necessary data to produce details or -and/or he does have some complaints that he can -- he can kind of combine or make -- make with the data that he does have and what he -- the result is a very readable, believable sounding, heart-wrenching story about somebody's getting shafted.

But he only needs, like, two complaints or just to get into their net -- somebody's network, and he's got, you know, all of their clients. And if there's any kind of Better Business Bureau, he's checking courthouse records, anything he can compile that will even remotely look like it could possibly be based on fact.

I think you said there's a Bill or somebody in Wisconsin or something. I'm sure there's a Bill in Wisconsin, you know. It -- typically more a -- a little bit more detailed than that as far as how it fits into whatever the person that's looking for the due diligence that it's going to make sense to them.

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what they do, to undermine the confidence the person has And that's how he puts these people out of in them. business.

- So why would Ed do this?
- He actually has completely -- I mean -- and I believe this honestly. He actually believes that he is conducting a -- a -- an endeavor that's helping the general public. And his rationalization for this thinking is if it wasn't so insane, it would be brilliant.

But he -- and he's had a hard life. screwed over early at 17 by some major corporation, and somebody stole his bicycle or something. And he changed his name to Ed Magedson when he was 17, and he's been Ed ever since. And he just -- some people do look at him as the quickest way for consumer protection out there and --

- Q. That's interesting that you say that, Dickson, because just five minutes ago, we were talking about how even though he believed McKenzie Scott was this big fraud, he was willing to change his opinion and write good things about them to the detriment of consumers if they paid him money.
- And I have a perfect explanation for that, too. You're exactly right. I mean I'm not saying the man is not an extortionist, but he does have the Robin Hood

1 maintains that he has never posted anything either. 2 gnomes are putting it on there. 3 Q. What? 4 Gnomes like cobblers. He maintains that he's 5 never written one before in his life, but there's --6 You already testified that he told you that he Q. 7 wrote some of those reports? 8 Α. Exactly. 9 Okay. So that was --0. 10 It's a completely different conversation, I Α. 11 mean. 12 But I'm asking you, when you get onto the web 13 site, ripoffreport.com, do you have to sign in and, like, 14 write your user name, or can you sign in as an 15 unregistered guest, or how does that work? 16 I don't know. It's a public web site. 17 like Better Business Bureau. You don't have to sign in 18 to anything. 19 So I can just get on there and post whatever I 20 I don't have to provide an e-mail address --21 **A**. I don't --22 -- or -- I don't have to provide an e-mail 23 address or anything?

I don't know about posting. I just know if you

want to search via his little Google thing in there for

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2	Dickson. Did you, in fact, go and look into filing class
3	action lawsuits after you got the idea from Jeff Robinson
4	that it was a lucrative industry?
5	A. Yes. That would be that would be that
6	would be good.
7	Q. Thank you.
8	A. I mean that's a good question to ask me if it
9	wasn't tripping over itself with inconsistencies.
10	MR. STOCKFORD: Objection; nonresponsive.
11	THE WITNESS: You can object your ass off.
12	MR. STOCKFORD: Objection; nonresponsive.
13	Q. (By Ms. Pannell) Okay. I'm going to hand you
14	now, Dickson, what has been marked Plaintiff's Exhibit
15	No. 2. This is a printout of a posting that has been
16	made on www.ripoffreport.com. Do you see at the top of
17	this posting, Dickson, where it says, "Submitted on
18	11/2/2006 at 5:14 a.m."?
19	At the very top of your page there, the top
20	right-hand corner, do you see where it says submitted?
21	A. Yeah, I do.
22	Q. Okay. Did you, in fact, author or post or
23	write any part of this report?

Absolutely not. Let me read it first.

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               I did not write this.
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                    MR. STOCKFORD:
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                    THE WITNESS: I'm positive I know who did.
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                    MR. STOCKFORD: Who did it?
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               (By Ms. Pannell) Who did?
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                    MR. STOCKFORD: Who did it?
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                    THE WITNESS: Of course Ed did it.
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                    MR. STOCKFORD:
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         Q.
               (By Ms. Pannell) Ed Magedson made this post?
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              How do you know Ed Magedson did this post?
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              Because I'm pretty sure he's one of the only
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    people that posts on his own web site. I mean there may
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    be some people that complain, but not to the quantity
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    he's talking about.
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Just the adamancy to which he -- he objects to -- objects to posting of himself. I mean he just -you know, I think he does protest too much. You know, he told me a hundred thousand times, I don't do any of the postings.

So many times, and the fact that -- coupled with his -- his ability to access sensitive databases of large corporations, it's just -- it's a hybrid of complaints, stuff found in public -- in the public sector, and then stuff that he hacks into on his -- on his own.

I mean together, the three make -- with his creative ability can -- can weave a pretty hideous -some of this stuff about McKenzie Scott was like -- I was mad knowing it was a lie. I was like, Dang, did we do that? No, that was me.

- Okay. So it's your testimony today that you Q. did not author this, that Ed Magedson authored this post?
- I'm telling you that anything that's on his web site regarding GW Equity is a combination of exactly the things I -- that I just explained to you, it's got nothing to do with me.
- Okay. Let's go through this post, then, Dickson. If you look at the very beginning, it says, "GW Equity is actually a \$120 billion enterprise called

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         I, Julia E. Whaley, CSR, CRR, RMR, and Notary Public
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    in and for the State of Texas, hereby certify to the
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    following:
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         That the witness, DICKSON EARL WOODARD, was duly
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    sworn by the officer and that the transcript of the oral
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    deposition is a true record of the testimony given by the
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    witness;
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         That the original deposition transcript was
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    for examination, signature, and return to the court
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1	FURTHER CERTIFICATION UNDER RULE 203 TRCP
2	The original deposition was/was not returned to the
3	deposition officer on ;
4	If returned, the attached changes and signature page
5	contains any changes and the reasons therefor.
6	If returned, the original deposition was delivered
7	to Ms. Kristen M. Pannell, Custodial Attorney.
8	That \$ is the deposition officer's
9	charges for preparing the original deposition transcript
10	and any copies of exhibits, charged to Ms. Kristen M.
11	Pannell, Attorney for Plaintiff.
12	That the deposition was delivered in accordance with
13	Rule 203.3 and that a copy of this certificate was served
14.	on all parties shown herein and filed with the Clerk.
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                I mean, submitted by the original author,
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    you're saying Jim was one and Greg was another
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         Q.
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                It doesn't match.
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                It doesn't match, you're right. Did you
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    author this post?
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                Did you direct Ed to author this post?
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               No, not at all.
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         Q.
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    suspicions, but it's -- I don't have any --
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               And who would that be?
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                Is Ed familiar with where you live?
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- So Ed has told you that he needs to have four or five posts before he can manipulate search engines?
  - A. Yeah, I think so.
  - Q. Is that something he told you?
  - I think it's on his website. Α.
  - Q. What website, the Rip-Off Report?
- Α. That wouldn't be on the website. That would not make any sense.
  - **Q**. No.
- 12 He's alleging that he's doing this for 13 free. It would have had to have been in a conversation that I had with him. 14
  - Okay. Well, look at the headings on these, on these two. Do you see the headings are different?
- 18 It looks like this one is an absolute Α. 19 duplication of the same thing.
  - Q. The same post, but look at the headings, the big bold print at the top.
  - GW Equity, Citibank, CitiGroup, Citi -- I A. don't -- GW.
- 24 Q. I mean, do you see that the headings are 25 different? There are two different headings.

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himself, because he has nowhere else to put it, and the admission to this little program was that -- I was surprised to see that last night. That was the first time I had seen anything that he admitted to becoming part of some kind of a plan. I mean, he denied that even to me, you know, until I read that. He always denied taking money for, for -- I mean, taking money for taking the reports off his site.

But I mean, there was just too many people out there complaining about him about the same thing, just enough to know that he's -- it's got to come up I mean, he's got some kind of legal as extortion. defense against it, but to me it's just -- it's extortion. There is no way out of it.

- So what I've gathered from all of your testimony, Dickson, is that Ed Magedson has indirectly told you that he is responsible for making posts about companies. He will make these posts.
  - Α. Yes.
- And then he will manipulate the search 0. engines; is that true?
- No question about the search engines. A. That's where the money is made.
  - Q. Okay. So --
  - Because he doesn't take anything off his Α.

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- That part.
- So he will manipulate search engines after he may make some of these posts himself about these companies?
  - There is no question he's doing it. Α.
- So he's -- no question Ed is making these Q. posts about these companies, and then he's manipulating them in the search engines, and then he'll go and try to get money from these companies --
  - I don't --A.
- 14 -- to remove them or to manipulate the 15 search back into their favor? Is that kind of how he 16 operates?
  - I don't believe that he ever approaches --Α. that I know of.
    - Q. Okay.
- 20 That he ever approaches the victims. I 21 think he just waits until they come to him. I don't 22 know that for sure.
  - What do you mean by victims? What are Q. you, what are you talking about?
  - I'm saying the big victims like McKenzie

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    Mr. Dickson Earl Woodard, Pro Se.
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14	accordance with Rule 203.3, and that a copy of this
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17	Witness my hand this day of
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